Sericulture Industry.

47. *Mr K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to develop the sericulture industry?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: A scheme for the development of the Sericulture industry is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether there was a silk farm in Travancore?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Yes Sir.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether it is functioning now?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: No, Sir.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I Know when it was closed?

Mr. C Kumara Das: I think it was about twelve years ago.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know the reason for the closing of that?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: At that time it was found that with the knowledge at their disposal it was not possible to carry on the rearing of worms. But knowledge has improved and measures to remedy the defects have been found out since.

President: Apart from that it was Japan and Italy who were the main competitors during those days and Japan was the main world competitor then. The real question was how to compete then?

Cultivation of Ayurvedic medicinal plants.

48. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any arrangements have been made for the cultivation of Ayurvedic medicinal plants on a commercial basis.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr A. N. Satyanesan: ഇതിലേക്കുള്ള സാധ്യതകൾ ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണോ അതിനു സംഗതിയാകാത്തത്?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: പരീക്ഷണാർത്ഥം രണ്ടുസ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ തോട്ടം ആരംഭിച്ചു. എന്നാൽ അവ ഫലപ്രദമായി കണ്ടില്ല.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് രാജ്യമൊട്ടുക്കു സർവ്വേ നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: സർവ്വേ നടത്തിയിട്ടില്ല.

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